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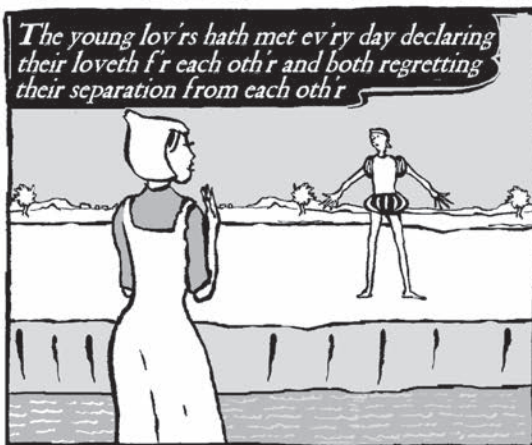
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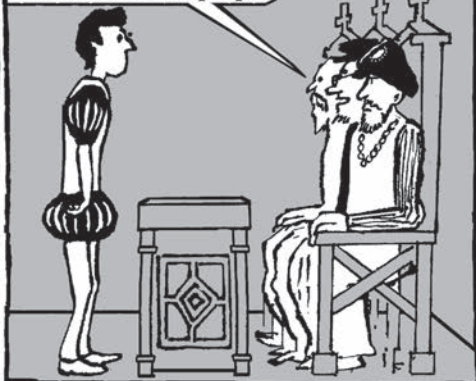
The Bargate Stone Bridge *Simon MacKie*



And so the young sir madeth his way backeth to his village to seeketh wise counsel from the wisdom of the eld'rs



Thy int'rest in this fair maiden w'ries us, the lady is from the oth'r side and we knoweth not h'r people



But if 't be true thou art meanteth to be then thee must findeth a way yourselves



Thee wilt buildeth a bridge madeth of bargate stone f'r yond is the stone that is in keeping with the buildings of this land.

The stones must be no larger than a stoat and no smaller than a weasel. They should be held together in a mortar made from wet clay and slaked lime.



If 't be true thy loveth is true 'twill survive the years 'twill taketh to completeth the task.



Aft'r hearing the counsel from the wise eld'rs the young sir madeth his way backeth to the maiden who awaited him



and he toldeth h'r what they both did need to doth on eith'r side of the wat'r

*Aft'r the young sir toldeth his fair maiden
what did need to best be done they started
to look around for the right sized Bargate
stone.*



*What they thought would taketh weeks
tooketh them years. The right siz'd
stones w're so hard to findeth.*



*And supp'r't madeth from willow branches
hadst to put in place to support each stone
hedleth t'gthr with clay and slaked lime.*



Oh t'wast a shame to seeth

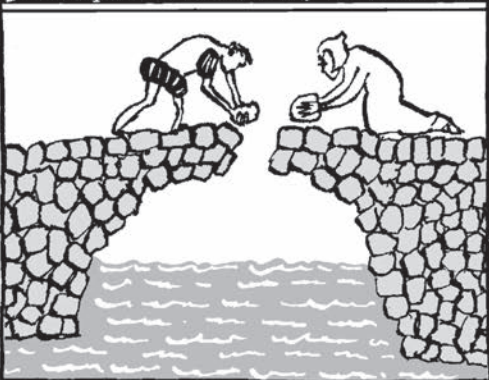


how they hadst to labour and toil

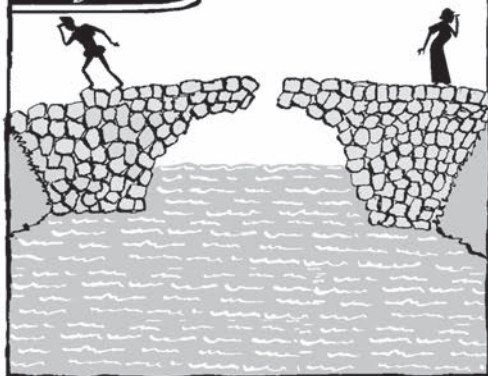
*but they didst so with true vigour spurr'd
on only from love.*



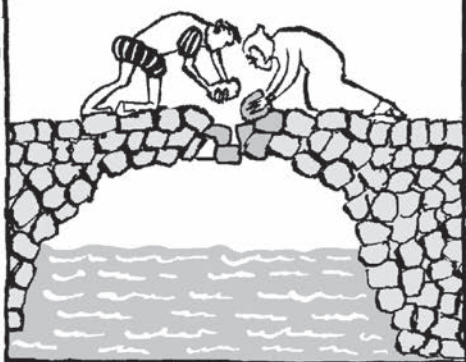
*The construction shield'd their faces from
each oth'r and they couldst naye longeth'r
gazeth upon each oth'r as they wrk'd so hard*



As the bridge wast near completion they couldst findeth nay m're bargate stone of the right size



So those they did complete their task by filling in the remaining centre with common stone instead of Bargate stone



When the bridge wast finally complete they embrac'd fr the first timeth



But as the centre of the bridge wast not madeth of Bargate stone it gaveth way



They fell into the murky depths of the wat'r and drowni'd



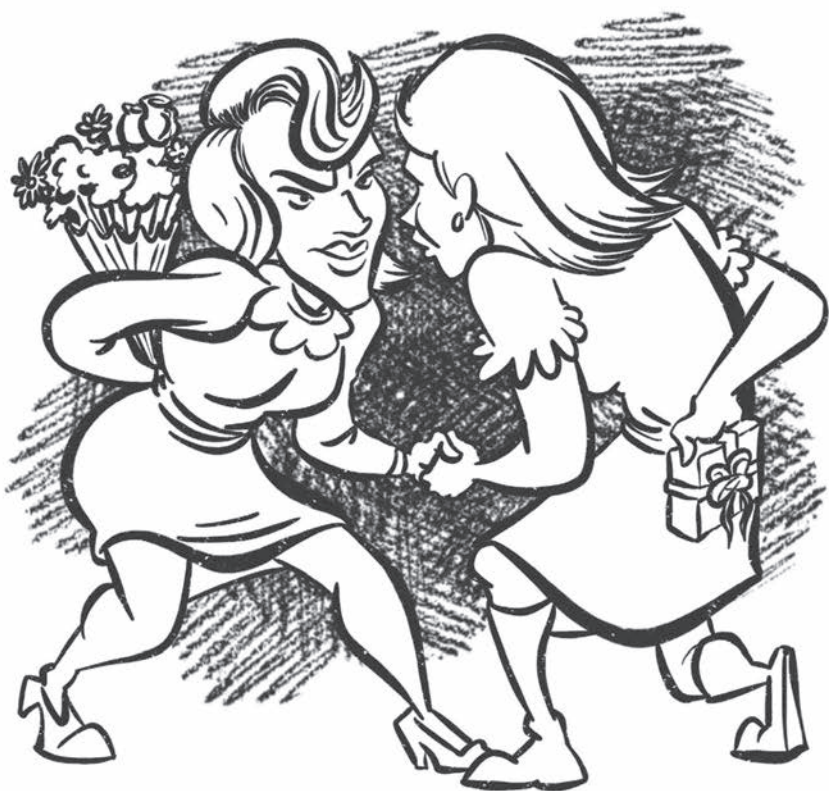
Their souls did arise into heaven

They w're not quite united as they found themselves on sep'rate clouds



V'rily theys hath found a way of getting togeth'r because true loveth finds a way.

F'rsooth that is anoth'r story.



The best way to destroy an enemy
is to make them a friend.

zen



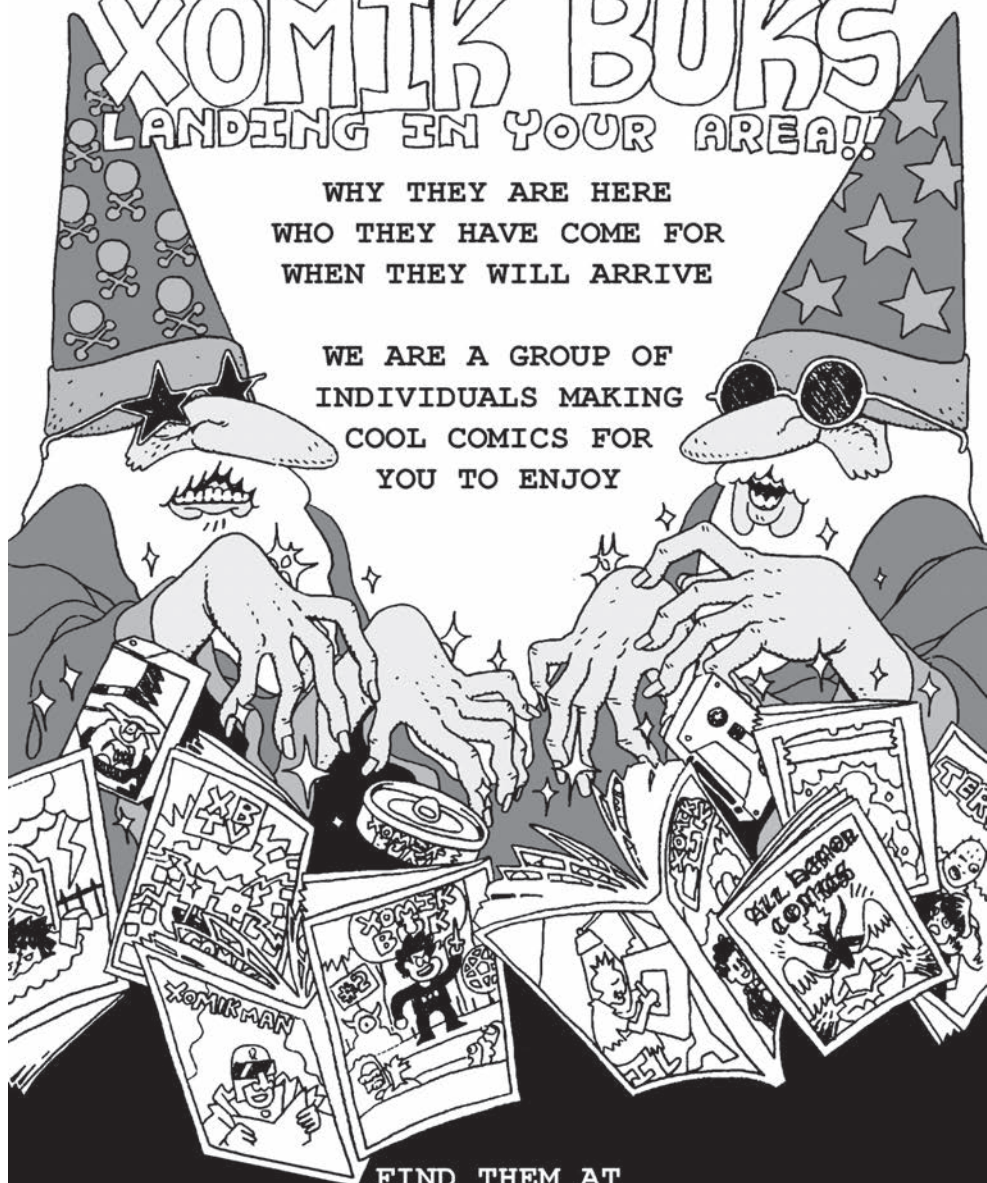
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TOO MUCH COFFEE MAN



WE'VE
KNOWN EACH OTHER
WAY TOO LONG.

WHY DO
YOU SAY
THAT?

I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE!
I NOTICE THAT WE HAVE
THE SAME CONVERSATIONS
OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

YOU REALLY THINK
SO? THAT'S SORT
OF HARSH.

I'VE EVEN BROUGHT THIS
PROBLEM UP BEFORE... AND
YOU HAD EXACTLY THE SAME
RESPONSE THEN!

WELL, WHY DON'T YOU DO
SOMETHING ABOUT IT?
WHY DON'T YOU IMAGINE THE
CONVERSATIONS YOU'D LIKE
TO HAVE? YOU MIGHT
LIKE THAT BETTER!

IMAGINE CONVERSATIONS?
PRETEND I HAVE FRIENDS?
THAT'S TOO WEIRD.

IT'S NOT THAT WEIRD.
I DO IT ALL
THE TIME.

REALLY? WHAT SORT
OF CONVERSATIONS?

OH... I DON'T
KNOW...

JUST YOUR
TYPICAL BORING
CONVERSATIONS

END

BY SHANNON WHEELER

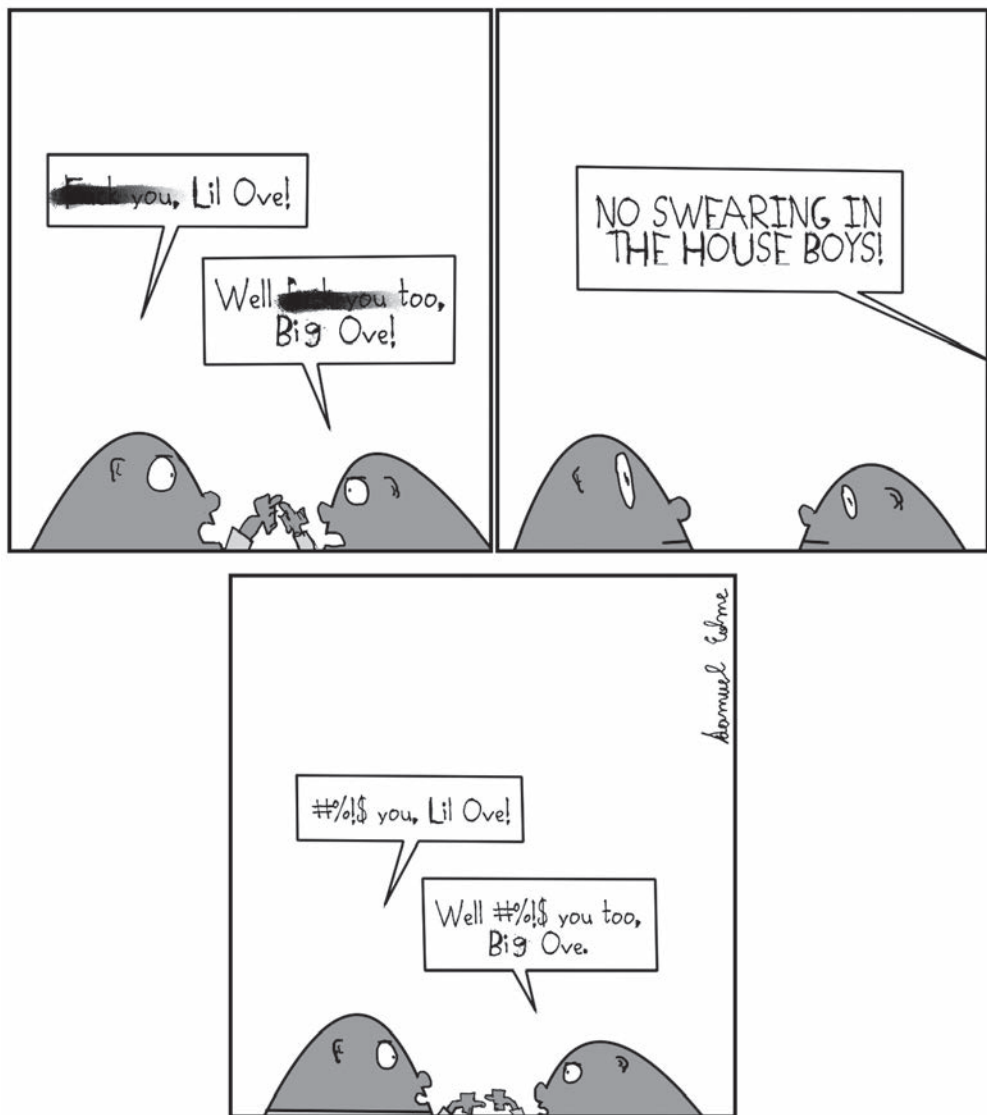
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That Doesn't Jive by DarkDarwin



Brotherly Bashing

by Samuel Edme



MEANWHILE, BECAUSE OF EVERYTHING I'D BEEN THROUGH, DEPRESSION HAD STARTED TO SET IN. I'D BEEN WORKING AS A FREELANCE ILLUSTRATOR ON FOREIGN PLATFORMS, BUT THE COMPETITION WAS STIFF AND MY SKILSET DIDN'T GO BEYOND DRAWING. AND MY SAVINGS WERE MELTING AWAY BEFORE MY EYES.





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ONE GERMAN CLIENT PAID ME \$80 FOR 20 ILLUSTRATIONS, AND HE ASKED ME TO MAKE AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF EDITS FOR FREE.



IT IS TRUE THAT, IN POST-SOVIET COUNTRIES, FOOD
PRICES ARE LOWER THAN IN EUROPE OR AMERICA.

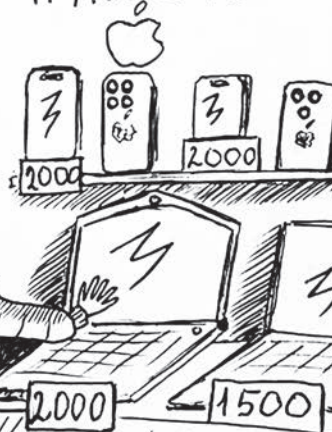
YES, RENT AND
MEDICINE AND
UTILITIES ARE
CHEAPER HERE.
BUT WE CAN'T
SURVIVE ON \$5
A DAY.



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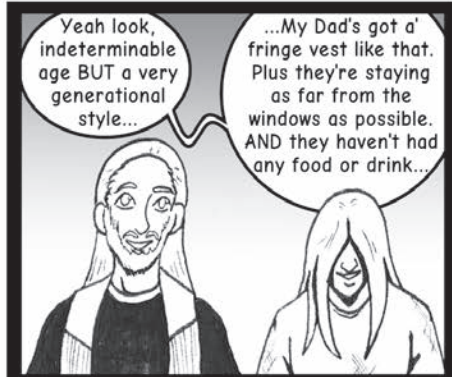


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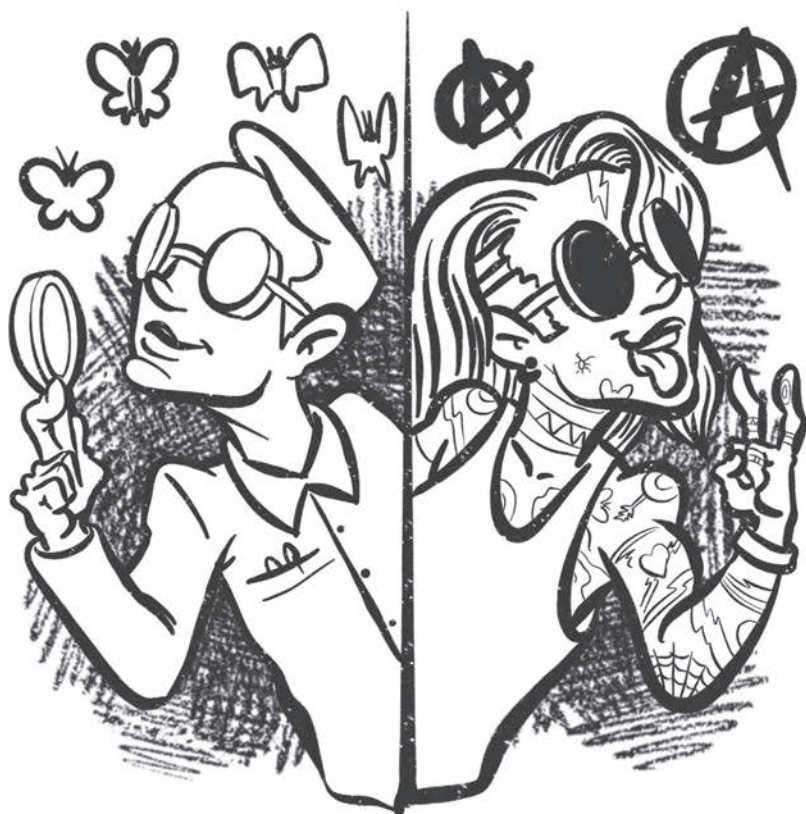


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PHILLIE FREEZE ☆ IN ☆ "Goin' A'
Little Batty"



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**A fine line between a Hobby and a Lifestyle:
It's all about how it defines you.**

fine—



zen

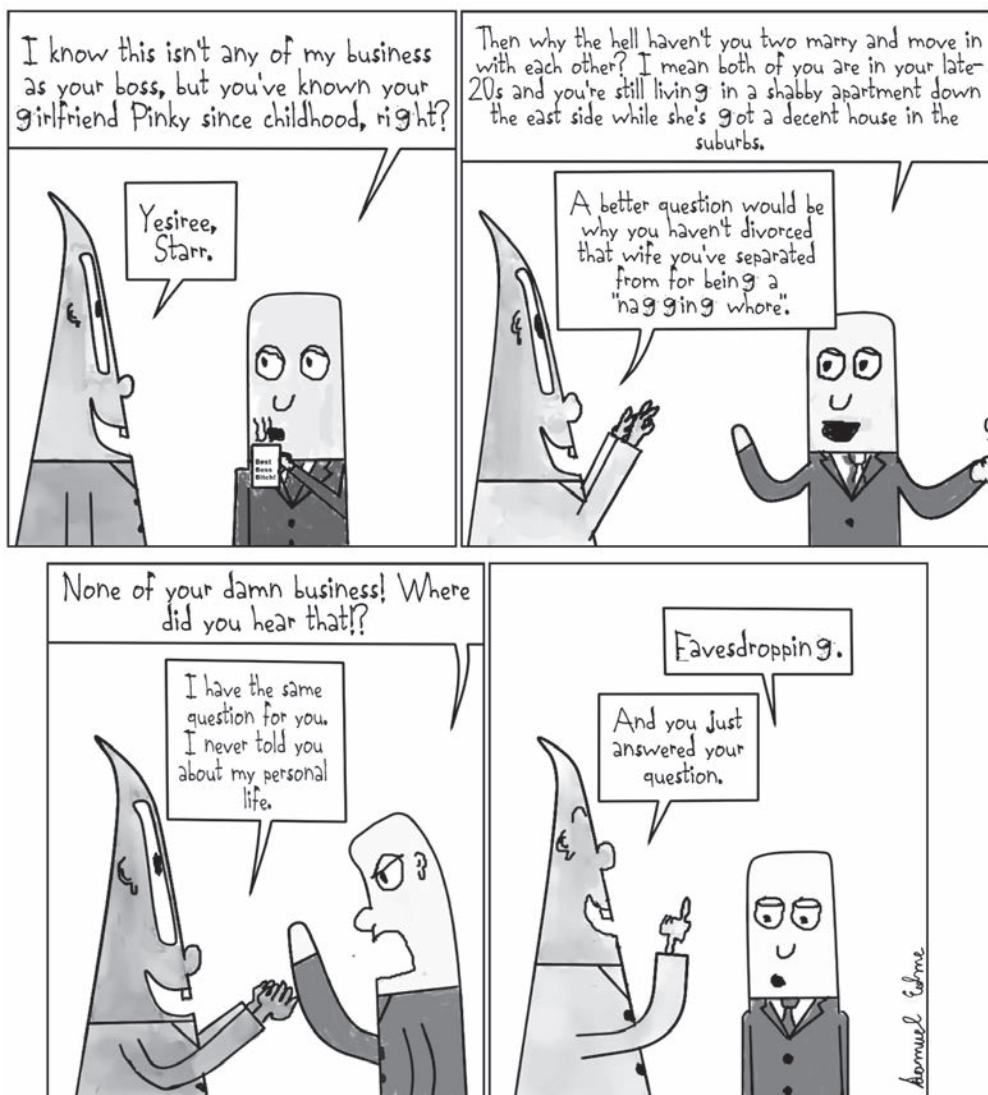
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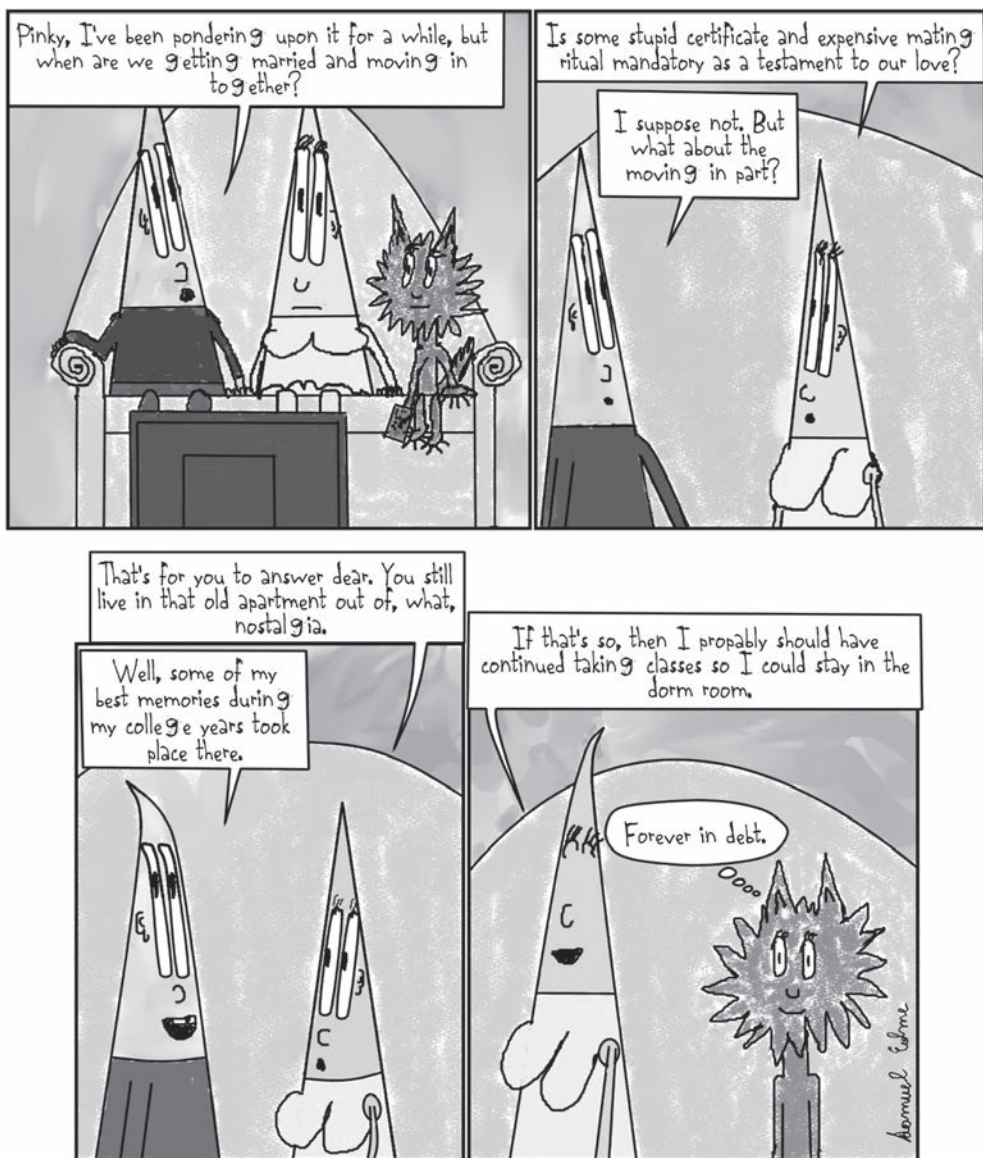
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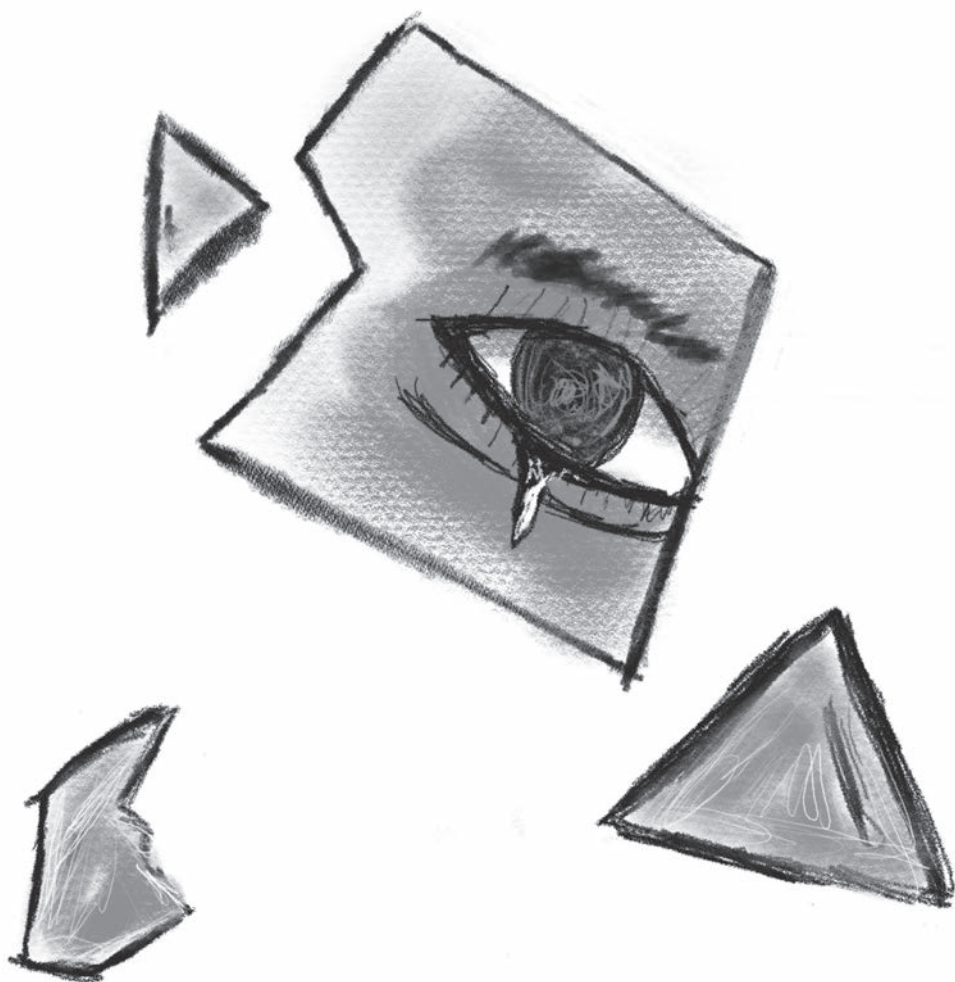
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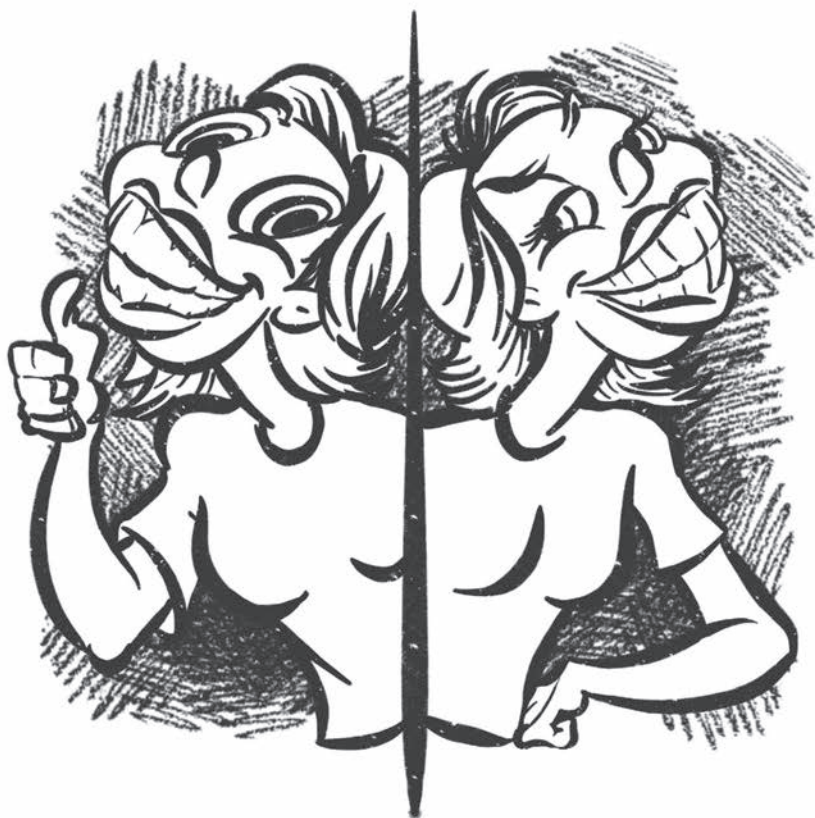
My reflection mirrored my

will be



broken thoughts...

by Renato Pareja



**A fine line between confidence and
arrogance: Knowing you can do it vs.
bragging how you can do it better.**

fine—



groan



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2 SIDES

by GREG RUSSELL

Since the dawn of humankind, there has been division ... two totally opposite worldviews.

According to the Christian bible, there have always been two sides: Satan against God, the serpent against Adam and Eve, and Cain against Able. Everyone against the Jews. And I would argue, God against everyone.

Of course, throughout history, tribe has warred against tribe, nation against nation.

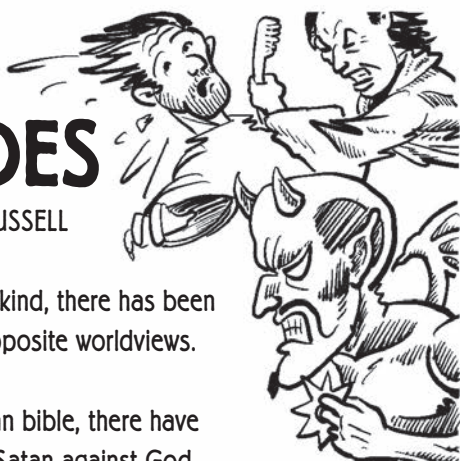
More recently, U.S. history has been defined by division. In the 1700s, half the country didn't want to separate from England.

Then there was the Civil War.

When World War I broke out, half of the U.S. population didn't want to get involved. The same for World War II.

What the country is going through now is nothing new.

We just have to talk. And listen.
And realize that we're not that different,
and we have a lot of common goals.
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